

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3533

To amend the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act to clarify the relationship between such Act and rules of civil procedure, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 19, 2001

Mrs. BIGGERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fair Debt Collection
5 Practices Technical Amendment Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO REMEDY THE CON-**
7 **FFLICT BETWEEN FEDERAL LAW AND JUDI-**
8 **CIAL RULES.**

9 Section 803(2) of the Fair Debt Collection Practices
10 Act (15 U.S.C. 1692a(2)) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(2) The term ‘communication’—

2 “(A) means the conveying of information
3 regarding a debt directly or indirectly to any
4 person through any medium; and

5 “(B) does not include actions taken pursu-
6 ant to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or,
7 in the case of a proceeding in a State court, the
8 rules of civil procedure applicable in the courts
9 of such State.”.

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